

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

STANDING ORDER NO. 05-02
AVOIDANCE OF APPEARANCE OF IMPROPER INFLUENCE

Applicable to All Matters before the Committee on May 9, 2005 and thereafter.

Effective May 9, 2005, it is hereby ORDERED that:

The Presiding Officer in any matter pending before the Committee, whether a member of the Committee or a hearing officer appointed pursuant to 760 CMR 30.09(5)(b), shall, in addition to observing normal standards of ethical conduct, be alert for situations in which an officer or employee of Stockard & Engler & Brigham, LLC has been retained as an expert witness or consultant to a party or has a financial interest in the matter. In any such case, the Presiding Officer shall inquire and determine whether that firm or anyone related to it has a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. The results of that inquiry shall be reported to the full Committee before the Committee takes any formal action with regard to the matter. In addition, the Presiding Officer will inform the parties of Committee member James G. Stockard, Jr.'s past affiliation with that firm, and, if requested, he or she will provide the parties with copies of the State Ethics Commission opinion letter of March 2, 2005 and of Mr. Stockard's letter of April 28, 2005 to his appointing authority.

Adopted May 9, 2005
Effective May 9, 2005.

Housing Appeals Committee

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Lohe', written over a horizontal line.

Werner Lohe
Chairman